

IN SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
PROPOSAL TO RESTORE FISCAL
SANITY BY REINSTATING PAYGO
REQUIREMENTS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, last night Congress voted to increase the public debt limit by an additional \$800 billion to an astronomical \$8.18 trillion. Simply put, this is morally indefensible.

Every time we increase the debt ceiling and allow more money to be tacked onto the public debt, the U.S. government is saddling our grandchildren and their grandchildren with an economic legacy that virtually assures economic stagnation in their lifetime. The Republican leadership will hide behind the war on terror or the recession to mask the dire straits of our economy. But the truth is much more damning. The fundamental reason for the spike in the national debt is the unprecedented pace of Republican tax cuts that have occurred since 2001. Recently, the Congressional Budget Office confirmed that tax cuts are responsible for nearly 60 percent of the budget deficit.

We must return to the fiscal responsibility of the Clinton era where we had the political will to make hard, but responsible fiscal policy choices that resulted in the most robust economy in recent history. Moreover, from 1998 through 2000, with President Clinton in the White House, the government reduced debt held by the public, paying off \$363 billion. Even in the first year of the Bush Administration, in 2001, under budget policies put in place by the Clinton Administration, the debt came down by another \$90 billion.

One of the ways that we established fiscal sanity in the 1990s was the use of the pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) budget enforcement rules. This practice helped Congress control spending and acted as a reminder that Congress needed to balance the government's checkbook, no matter whether it was tax cuts or increased spending on domestic programs.

In their overzealous attempts to cut taxes, especially for the highest 1 percent of wage earners—those earning \$400,000 and more, the Republican leadership has blatantly ignored the common sense logic of the PAYGO rules. They have added literally billions and billions of dollars to our deficit and, for that reason, the Congress is forced to raise the debt ceiling to avoid shutting down the federal government.

I am deeply troubled that the President of the United States fails to understand or appreciate the financial burden he is imposing on middle income Americans, many of whom reside in "Red States" and supported his reelection. During the campaign season, the President promised to make permanent the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts that are scheduled to expire in 2010. This action will cost \$1.1 trillion from 2010 through 2014, and even more in the years to follow. Continuing tax cuts permanently will significantly worsen the deficit after 2009, which make a mockery of the President's vow to cut the deficit in half in 2009.

To return to economic prosperity and fiscal sanity, we need to reinstate PAYGO rules as a first step, restore balance between our de-

fense security needs and our domestic security needs, and adopt tax policy that benefits middle income taxpayers and creates jobs. I urge our Republican leadership to chart a new economic course for our country so that the United States of America remains the land of prosperity for "We the People."

RECOGNIZING HOUSE AND GARDEN
TELEVISION ON 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Home & Garden Television on the occasion of its tenth anniversary. I am proud to say that HGTV calls Knoxville, Tennessee, home.

HGTV was born of humble beginnings in East Tennessee and over the years has grown to be one of the most successful cable networks in existence today. It is one of four networks owned by the E.W. Scripps Company.

Ross Bagwell, Sr., a television production innovator, created the network that would become HGTV. A creative genius, he started Cinetel Productions in 1973 and produced many different shows. In 1994, Mr. Bagwell sold Cinetel to the Scripps Company, and soon after, HGTV was born.

The E.W. Scripps Company President and CEO Kenneth Lowe, the founder of HGTV, led the network to an explosion in popularity. Ken spurred the creation of the Scripps Networks division and played an instrumental role in the development of Scripps' other networks, the Food Network, Do It Yourself (DIY), and Fine Living.

Scripps Networks is a great corporate citizen in my District and a large employer of a skilled and creative workforce.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Ken Lowe and all of the employees of Scripps Networks and especially HGTV on the occasion of its tenth anniversary. Our Country would be a much better place today if there were more good corporate citizens here like the E.W. Scripps Company.

IN HONOR OF DON KYZER'S
RETIREMENT FROM THE YMCA

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in honoring Don Kyzer's retirement from the YMCA after his lengthy service to young people across the country.

For the past several years, I have been honored to serve as the Congressional sponsor for the YMCA Youth Governor's Conference. The YMCA Youth Governor's Conference brings together some of the most outstanding youth leaders in America. YMCA Youth and Government is a nation-wide program that allows thousands of teenagers to simulate state and national government. Kyzer has played a pivotal role in making the con-

ference a rewarding experience for the hundreds of youth leaders that he has personally mentored. From 1991 to 1997, Don served as the director for the conference and has left a lasting legacy with those who have benefited from his tireless efforts.

In addition to the Youth Governor's Conference, Kyzer has been distinguished by a number of organizations. He has been awarded the John R. Fisher Service to Youth Award, Distinguished Service Award from the YMCA International Management Council, Florida Association of Professional YMCA Directors Program Director of the Year Award, Paul Grist Service to Youth Award, and was runner-up for the Florida State Teacher of the Year Award.

I congratulate the Kyzer family on this momentous occasion, and wish him all the best for a well-earned retirement.

WASHINGTON POST GARNERS BIAS
AWARD

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, CIA Director Porter Goss is the latest Bush administration official to encounter the media bias Americans know well: the use of anonymous sources to level partisan charges.

It was on display in a front page Washington Post story this week.

It quoted four former CIA officials, none of whom was mentioned by name.

The frequent use of anonymous sources is part of the media's institutional problem.

When anonymous sources are used it is too easy for disgruntled former employees or others to settle scores.

It is also contrary to journalistic standards and ethics.

In fact, the Washington Post editorial page has called for an overhaul of the CIA in light of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Director Goss is doing exactly what is needed to reform and restructure the CIA.

For writing a story that quoted anonymous sources and placing it on the front page, this week's Media Bias Award goes to the Washington Post.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHIAN
FEDERATION ON THE OCCASION
OF ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND
27TH HOMERIC AWARD GALA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Chian Federation, on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. Since its founding in 1974, the Chian Federation has educated and empowered the Hellenic American community to exercise their rights and fulfill their obligations as American citizens. The Chian Federation has a strong record of advocating human rights and striving to promote democratic ideals. The members of the board of this outstanding organization are: Alexandros